

# **MINUTES**

## **CITY OF AUBURN TRAFFIC COMMITTEE**

**May 18, 2004 @ 8:30 A.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Willick, Richardson; Fossum; Holmes; Hale  
OTHERS PRESENT: (See attached list)

1. **Public Comment – None**
2. **Minutes: Approval of March minutes held over until June meeting.**

### **ACTION ITEMS:**

#### **3. College Way Traffic Problems**

##### **a. Consider Installing Stop Sign @ Intersection of Pleasant & Knoll**

Upon recent observation(s) by Chief Willick, traffic appeared to be flowing smoothly. Traffic counts do increase during certain times during the day, but for a very short window of time. The traffic trailer was placed on Pacific, revealing that volume & speed do increase for a short time; 7:15 – 7:30 A.M. appears to be the peak time, and then again at the close of school day there is a 10-15 minute window of activity. Holmes moved to approve installation of stop sign at Pleasant/Knoll, making this a 3-way stop; Jodie Hale seconded. Fossum opposed, stating that he is uncertain whether the street actually meets warrants for installing said stop; the volume of traffic is on Pacific, not on College. Notices to go out to residents/business owners.

##### **b. Extending Loading/Unloading Zone in Front of High School Building**

Chairperson Willick prefers to defer this portion until such time as Christman and Depoy are present.

##### **c. Continue Periodic Monitoring w/High School & APD Personnel**

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### **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

#### **4. Permit Parking Lot Limitations – PEO Carini**

This item was previously brought before the committee, but DBA requested that any action be delayed until such time as their parking committee could have a chance to address some of the problems. Since parking limitations are set by Council action, any changes will require the Traffic Committee submitting recommendation(s) to the City Council. DBA suggestions presented Ron Solomon included: Encouraging the public to park in 8-hr lots by signage, etc., keeping 25% for permit only; Create 25% reserve for ALL lots downtown; Create two (2) 15-minute slots, for quick stops (one at either end of Lincoln Way). DBA, Parking Committee & PEO Carini agree to monitor the situation to assure that these recommendations are good ones. The committee will also encourage employees of downtown businesses to park off the street, stating they will “get the word out & keep on ‘em”. Traffic committee will bring the item back next month for action and referral to CC..

#### **5. Parking/Speeding in the Area of Racetrack**

A petition was submitted requesting mitigation of speeding vehicles, which are creating a dangerous situation for children/pedestrians trying to cross Racetrack. Suggestions included:

- ↳ Creating a 3-way stop, with 1-2 pedestrian crossings at Brewery Lane
- ↳ Additional crosswalk, possible stop sign, at the Auburn Gardens Care Center
- ↳ 3-way Stop at Timberline
- ↳ Additional signage (25 MPH, Children @ Play, Ped Xing)

The traffic appears to be the heaviest between 2:30 – 6:00 PM daily, as well as at the completion of sporting events at ARD. Medians are a good deterrent, but cost prohibitive. We'll need to do a traffic engineering survey & get traffic counts on all of the affected streets named in this request. Additional MPH signage can be placed if/where needed. Staff is to make a field check of the area as well, and we will bring back the results to committee next month. We'll need speed/traffic counts, as well as ped counts as they are important information prior to installation of additional crosswalks, etc. Also, we may need to check route of bus to see if it is necessary to stop at present locations, or if it can be changed to insure the safety of the children. (Durham Transportation).

**6. *Crutcher Court Signage: Dead End Street – Kelly Lardner, 225 Marshall Way, Auburn***

Currently there is a sign, but poorly placed. Committee directed Public Works to relocate the sign prior to intersection. Fossum is to report back to committee next month as to where sign was moved.

**7. *Home Show Traffic Problems – Mike Holmes***

During the Home Show at the Gold Country Fairgrounds, there are no requirements for permits from City for event, i.e., traffic control. Folks would like to see some presence of APD to direct traffic flow during show hours. Willick will look into the situation prior to Fall's Home Show.

**8. *Request to Check for Signalization Problems @ Intersections of Borland Ave/El Dorado & @ High/Lincoln – Cheryl Maki***

Per DPW Director Fossum, this is a timing issue; we have the money to re-do this intersection, however, we cannot start expending the funds until October, 04, thus solving the problem(s). Maki was not present for today's meeting. Fossum will contact Maki. Fossum also needs to check the timing on those signals previously mentioned to Traffic Committee at Auburn Folsom.

**9. *Directional Sign Request for Maple & Placer Street – Kelly Lardner, 225 Marshall Way Auburn***

Lardner was unable to be present, however, her concern is for proper signage indicating the route to westbound I-80 from Maple Street. DPW to install a second sign get from Cal Trans.

***NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, June 15, 2004 @ 8:30 A.M.***